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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/774,555	Applicant(s) DELONG ET AL.	
	Examiner Barbara P. Badio, Ph.D.	Art Unit 1617	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 7,9,10,12 and 22-44 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8,11 and 13-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

First Office Action on the Merits of a RCE

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 28, 2005 has been entered.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Status of the Application

3. Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 22-44 stand withdrawn without traverse as being drawn to a nonelected invention. Claims 7, 9, 10 and 12 stand withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a nonelected species.

Double Patenting

4. The provisional rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 11 and 13-21 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims of copending Application No. 09/774,557 is withdrawn.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 5 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

The instant claim recites R³ and R⁴ are hydrogen atoms. However, the definition of R³ and R⁴ in parent claim 1 does not encompass hydrogen.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 8, 11, 13-17 and 19-21 under 35 USC 102(b) over Wos et al. (WO 99/12895) is withdrawn.

7. The rejection of claim 5 under 35 USC 102(b) over Wos et al. (WO 99/12895) is maintained.

The instant claim recites R³ and R⁴ are hydrogen atoms and, thus, the claimed invention is anticipated as stated in the previous Office Actions.

For this reason and those given in previous Office Actions, the rejection of claim 5 under 35 USC 102(b) over Wos et al. (WO 99/12895) is maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 11 and 13-21 under 35 USC 103(a) over Wos et al. (WO 99/12895) is maintained.

Applicant argues the reference does not teach or suggest the presently claimed subject matter. According to applicant, the reference defines "R³ and R⁴ as only H, CH₃ and C₂H₅". Applicant's argument was considered but not persuasive for the following reason.

Contrary to applicant's assessment of the teaching of the cited prior art, it is noted that the definition of R³ and R⁴ by the reference is not limited to only H, CH₃ and C₂H₅. It should be noted that a reference is not limited to its working examples but is evaluated for what it teaches those of ordinary skill in the art. Like the instant invention, the cited prior art teaches R³ and R⁴ can be "OR₁₀ and SR₁₀" (see page 7, lines 6-7 of the cited reference).

For this reason and those given in previous Office Actions, the rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 11 and 13-21 under 35 USC 103(a) over Wos et al. (WO 99/12895) is maintained.

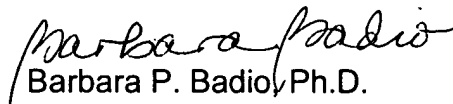
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Telephone Inquiry

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara P. Badio, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0609. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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